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Majority Leader Aresimowicz Honored by AARP

Majority Leader Joe Aresimowicz (D - Berlin/Southington) has been awarded the 2015 AARP Legislative Achievement Award in recognition of his leadership on retirement savings in Connecticut.

"I'm truly honored to receive this award from AARP," said Aresimowicz. "Currently, more than 600,000 Connecticut residents, mostly small business workers, do not have a retirement savings plan available to them through their employer—and most fear they have not saved enough for retirement. I am proud and grateful to work with organizations like AARP to pass legislation that would make it easier for Connecticut residents to save enough money to live comfortably in their retirement without having to rely on public assistance programs."

AARP honored Aresimowicz for his leadership and outstanding advocacy for the establishment of the Connecticut Retirement Security Board, which after more than a year of extensive research in consultation with organizations specializing in retirement savings, determined that creating a plan at no cost to taxpayers is feasible and would address the retirement savings crisis in Connecticut.

"On behalf of AARP Connecticut's more than 600,000 members, we are proud to honor Majority Leader Aresimowicz with a legislative achievement award," said John Erlingheuser, Advocacy Director for AARPCT. "Through his leadership, residents of Connecticut are one step closer to a more secure retirement."

Earlier this year, AARP released the results of their own survey among Connecticut voters, age 35-64, about workplace retirement savings plans, which support the findings of the CRSB study. Eighty-eight percent of those surveyed said they wished they had saved more for retirement, and 61 percent, or 3 out of 5, said they were concerned that some residents have not saved enough for retirement and could end up being reliant on public assistance.

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with a membership of more than 37 million, that works on issues that matter most to families such as healthcare, employment security and retirement planning.

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Joe Aresimowicz is serving his sixth term representing the 30th Assembly District of Berlin and Southington in the Connecticut General Assembly, where he is House Majority Leader.